

Memphis Animal Services Advisory Board Meeting
August 11, 2010

Meeting called to order: 10:15 am

Present:

Allen Iskiwitz

Cindy Sanders

Matthew Pepper

Michelle Buckalew

Absent (excused)

Jackie Johns

Absent (not excused)

Frank James

Cindy Sanders: Concern over officers not attending cases where they have written citations. Concern over employees understanding city law and shelter policy. Field operations must be a priority. Met with Mr. Little regarding GPS systems. Sent email regarding specs for system. Need laptops. Concern addressed again about people other than the MAS Board is answering emails sent to the city board address. Problem with 30lb. Inclusion in s/n ordinance.

Matt Pepper: City is making offer to person field operation supervisor. Operations position will be re-posted. Training of one ordinance at beginning of each shift. Willing to look a hybrid adoption area. Officially announced the new shelter hours of Tuesday and Thursdays until 7 pm and Saturdays until 5 pm. Schedule will begin August 31. Officer uniforms will be changed - no t-shirts, polo-style. Summer and winter uniforms. Kennel workers can wear scrub tops or polo-style shirts.

Allen Iskiwitz: Re-address GPS installation in trucks. Why does city not want to accept offer of free GPS. Need publicity for opening of new shelter. Something to make public aware.

Michelle Buckalew: Animals deserve a chance. Contacted Wal Mart and they are willing to have adoptions. Wal Mart is a great venue. Possibility to have empty store used for adoption events. Need to get education to the schools. Need to introduce "Good Pet Ownership" programs into the school systems.

Matt Pepper: Will bring answers regarding these issues to next meeting

1. Status of credit card
2. Petfinder
3. Status of school programs

Meeting opened to public.

Dr. Easton statement that she supports hybrid system for stray/adoption area. She has spoken with Miami/Dade and likes some of their policies.